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Dear Paul (JNS),

Today's mail is enormous, including two responses from Kleindienst (one going back to December!), one from the Army, from the court, etc. So, before touching any of it and perhaps mislaying other things, after finishing the brief notes on your mailing I again checked the stacks of things to be filed, what would seem to be the appropriate files, the cards,etc.

There simply is no trace of any of the pages noted as not now accessible to me. As you will note with De Padro, I believe I saw something else. Yet for the rest, no hint. I have no doubt they reached me, for your are very precise in such matters. But what I did with them after laying them aside and then forgetting I was to forward to Jim I can't recall or guess. I'm sorry, and my apologies to both, particularly for the delay this causes 'im. It is my plan to go to the post office Monday and mail what I did not keep.

I did not file those papers I will keep. I have them attached to PH's 4/23 and will now check both and list what I am to myknowledge keeping:

CD7:169;404.
CD49:43-4
CD75:100-1;125;492-4;497;716-8;724 & 726-8;732.
CD87:SS344, 1-2; SS455,1-2
CD101b:two pp attachment-your list has one.
CD205:283-5
CD358:1-7.
CD363:34,99.
CD427:1-3.
CD948:1.
CD1051:1-4.
CD1052:1-3.
CD1065:4-5.

What I have in an envelope for JNS is:

CD7:409-10
CD47:5
CD49:31-2;41-2;45;48
CD75:28;73;78;81;84;89;92-3;105;108-9;113;115;117; 120-1;129;131-2;140;159-60;469;480;483;532-3; 630-2;721;725.
CD87: SS94,1-2;SS465, 1-2.
CD149:15
CD188:2-4
CD924:2-4;9.
CD1092: 1+1-3.
CMX

Missing is:

CD7:328-9
CD28:2-3

CD75:398;672-3

CD148:13-4.
CD1075 -2 routing slips

Sterns's letter, the penult item, 3/10/64, missing, I am certain you sent. I'll write HR, who is away from home now and ask

On FBI B1, I have but one page, items #8,10,11(3), going to JNS. Your list indicates doubt whether 2 or 4 pp.

I have marked off every entry on your 4/23 list, not trusting myself otherwise.

Perhaps if you can tell me what these things are, I may recall whether I saw them and if I had, what I did with them.

I do, very much, regret this undependability. It shakes me to think I can so soon forget so much! I am sorry.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg

CD7:169, interview with Edward A. Brand.

Assuming that Brand and the FBI were both truthful, this would seem to fortify several elements of the evidence, one that it really was Oswald who had the car demonstration or that he was into somethinb really devious; and that he did, consciously, use the name O.H.Lee, which I have no trouble believing. It is entirely consistent with attempting not to be obvious to the FBI.

Where there is difficulty is where the FBI's semantics or liberties could account for it. The existence of the drivers' license, for one, and Brand's not recognizong Oswald from his oft-presented picture.

Regardless of what interpretation is made, this would seem to have been one of the things the Commission would have wanted to carry further.

CD7:328-9 Without doubt this was sent by PH as per his 4/23/71. but it is not now in that file, which I've kept in the envelope. Nor have I carded it, which I do with all new acquisitions, unless I fogget, which I don't think I do often. I've checked every stack of unfiled material, and it isn't there. One possibility is that Roffman, who was here, went over these and filed some where I'd have had them, or removed them and mistakenly misfiled. Sorry.

CD7:404, report of Oswald at home of wealthy people.

Sssuming this not to be a nut call, I also would be inclined to assume it is not LHO who is the subject, more likely someone who looks like him. The "many more involved" part could be such things as the Hall-Howard-Seymour thing. Hall had wealthy contacts. I know nothing about the wives of those # do have names on. For all the information contained in four call to be encapsulated in a single sentence, she said very little for all that palaver or the FBI was, even for it, exceptionally succinct. I think it would be wrong to dismiss this as nut talk.

CD7:409-10 LHO at Stevenson fray?

That Barker had no such person on film means nothing without the statement that the outtakes had been kept, not the rule. What is interesting is the possibility, if this is a genuine resemblance, that one of that crazy group may have resembled LHO.

CD 28:2-3. See above under 7:328-9.

CD47:5 tells us what it means to be a good member of the NRA, if nothing else.
This kind of thing kust have done to the FBI what is did to the Commission, the difference being it served overall FBI purposes.

CD49:31-2 Aside from the apparent disclosure that the Washington Field Office mail watch at the USSR Embassy is WF T02 (note dependability not appraised), it interests me that there is the meaningless triviality that Mrs. Merilh was a neighbor of Marge Kirkpatrick's.

CD47:41-5 re Petr S. Derjasin's bad trip/anaylsis no wonder he defected. He was about to be fired as nuts. The difference is that our Hobo Smiths are not (all?) in intelligence.

Depadro, Lt. Michael, Lieut. The FBI is remarkable brief here, not saying what he is when clearly he had to have been in LHO's unit, not just to the same base or kind of job. Oops, does say Macs 5. But the unseemly brevity is pointed by no reference to his name in the 15H index. I have no card on hime. What was that jazz about interviewing everyone who knew him in the Marines? And how did Depadro know that LHO was getting such "literature"? Could he have been in security?

WF-T-4 mist be some kind of oracle. Page 48 qualifies everything but the space they give ~~WF49:45x~~ WF T-5: he has given unreliable info in the past.

CD75:28 Reminds me that LHO did make extensive efforts at getting a job, or at least made extensive motions in that direction, for a man who allegedly got along so well on unemployment. Of minor interest is Pecot's address, which is very close to Reismann's and Kent Courtney. I attach no significance.

CD75:73 Ditto on employment (and JG has cases I've not seen in WC). 20 words is some typing!

CD75:78 Did they need so many maps of Cuba they had to farm the job out?

CD75:81 The 4901 Prytania store is right where LHO lived. The 3920 Carrolton Ave one is, as I recall, a rather long walk from there, suggesting he had transportation and the coubesy card they could not find.

CD75:84 Wonder what unit of what government NO T-6 served?

CD75:89 Isn't it strange that just the period that would have contained LHO's card at Winn-Dixie disappeared? With LHO not being able to answer most of the questions, it might suggest that he replaced with someone willing to give him a character.

CD75:92-3 This bit about the house might be easier to understand if you know the one small building had three addresses, 4905, for the side, not a back, screened porch, and the next two for the two halves of the house. Le New would seem to address that impossible practise of the rifle and scope used with no shooting and then at night only. She should have seen.

CD75: 100-1 represents a case where JG went a bit further. He called Tankersley in and learned that it is he who filled out the second change-of-address card, after LHO left. That Holmes is a demon a spook as the Feebs.

CD75:105 Add ot description: street light almost directly in front porch, ideal for nocturnal wifle practise, etc.

CD75: 108-9 This, 4907 is, I think, correct. LHO sure was little concerned with fraud. I think the check at the Senator was rather early if the lead came from Marguerite who, I believe, testified to this later. Perhaps the Evans'

CD75:113 Interesting that Molinere knew he had seen LHO after 8/9 arrest but didn't recall his name even after TV newscast.

CD75:115 Don't recall reports of Caire or station holding LHO's mail, which should have been forwarded. But is 117 the only possible explanation? What does 116 say?

CD75:120 Least likely place for LHO to fill prescription is corner pharmacy when he spent so much timenear cut-rates on Canal St/

CD75:121 I've had this since 1966 and have wondered about the Cubans being so obvious in defending the unpopular assassinated LHO.

CD75:125 makes it look that LHO knew what was going to happen not later than 9/1/63. Don't know why this didn't strike me earlier. He had the $$$ for Mexico.

CD75:129 This repeat bit on Bea Oswald is interesting. Rents room for 7 hrs?

CD75:131 NO T-3 is the postman. In 132, NO T-4 wpuld seem to be his substitute. Unless the papers wriginated in Texas, LHO didn't bother changing his address to them.

CD75:140. Farout:"The file also showed that OSWALD listed no brothers but had two sisters."

CD75:159-60 8/9/63 could not have been too busy a day for LHO. He was at the hsopital during regular visiting hours. Since he seems to have gotten no job through his employment applications, it is interesting that there were "several" call for him in response to his efforts.

CD75:469. They were onto his check-cashing early.

CD75:480 If McKennon did not contact the FBI "to furnish information", her prupose is not given. It is interesting that this does tend to associate LHO with the Bourbon House. The possibility exists that some of the clientele knew him.

CD75:483 Dquirrel season opens earlier there.

CD75:492 Presumeably Iris Shimm phoned the FBI to say she had this information, that LHO was there to look at picture frames, one of his less likely endeavors. He appears to have left the frames section once, but where he went is not indicated. In that part of tpwn, there are and then were an abundance of cut-rate stores, so if LHo really wanted a frame, he would more likely have gone to one of them. Aside from her positiveness that this was LHO, one of the interesting things is that this is at a corner, and exactly the corner one would go to in following the leads in LHO'S address book, where he has a fake address in the 1000 block of Canal St. I went there. The number he had does not exist. It is next to a corner, the same corner as this address. If there is anything further about of like this it could be interesting. The other fake address, on Camp, would have led him to the ITM or the building in which Caire was.

CD75: 493 I have or saw this before and have no reason to doubt it.

CD75:494: Wulf seems less positive here than he or his son later was about Oswald's having talked some kind of Communism. It is one of their tenuous "proofs".

CD75:497. Lee was indiscriminate at that early age, having then written the Socialists along the same lines. Any knowledge of what is in 495-6?

CD75:532-3 It would be interesting to know what Blalock really said, because he could not have placed this date at "in the latter part of July 1963". It was June 26, and the error is not accidental, being required to establish Bringuier's alibi. But even this date destroys Bringuier's explanation of his apprehension, alleged, about LHO.

CD75:630 If this relates to LHO and the "Mex", it would be interesting to know more, if it exists. But at that time of the a.m., I'd say #2 was not the real LHO. 631-2 add only cpnjecture without basis. If this could not have been LHO, is there any inference it is a look-alike? Only inferred. There really seems to be no basis for an association between the two men.

CD75:716-8 I don not remember if I knew, but there is a suggestion in the second par. that LHO kept copies of his letters of political content. No need is apparent. One of themore interesting things here to me is the lack of mention of :HO's having written identical letters on the same date to political incompatibles. It is possible it had not then been noted or if in hand, yet understood. But at some point at the very least the FBI had to have noted this, as the WC's lawyers should have, yet I have seen nothing poibting it out anf the Report goes to some trouble to avoid it. These pages are so unclear I can't make out the name of the reporting agent. I saw these in early 1966 and apparently saw no special point in them then. If anyone ever sees clearer copies, I'd appreciate, and if PH has made out the name of the agent, I'd like to know that. I can make nothing of the name out on this copy, but I've a hunch it could have been deB. It makes sense that this early, 11/25, he could have been covering up.

CD75:721 The intervening pages apparently contain more of the FPCC correspondence.

CD75:725 indicates INS distributed its :HO files, these coming from N.O. file.

CD75:724&726-8 If one wanted to conjecture wildly, knowing that Paine and LHO did not go to this ACLU meeting together and that the DPD had an agent inside the ACLU, one might wonder whether he was LHO, which I doubt. The FBI might have had the same opinion of the ACLU, at least in Dallas. One of the interesting things is that it later turned out that Walker did have an involvement in the attack on Stevenson, which LHO is said to have charged, but I do not recall that this was public knolwedge. Interesting that LHO knew about Krystinik's worworking sideline, when they apparently had never met before. It would seem odd that never having even been to any "night club", from this meeting K and his wife, having just seen LHO for the first time, went to Ruby's!

CD75:732 These wouldappear notto be all the books LHO checked out of the N.O. library, but even then they would seem to include anti-Communist works.

CD87:1-2 SS 94 Interview with Paul R. Gregory.

CD87 SS 344, 1-2, memo of phone report from Kelley 12/3, translation (Gopadze) of Walker letter.

CD87, SS455, 1-2, more on "Walker" letter and ref to "better "translation. Interestingly, checking my own cards, I find that I have only p. 1. I doubt I'd not have ordered both.

CD 87,SS 465, 1-2 on LHO's inadequacies as a driver and R Piane's personal phone book.

CD101b, pp. 1 and 2 of attachment report of 12/17/63 (list says p. 2 only). This is much too elliptical, too indirect. Why did not IRS give his total and taxable incomes ($.356 total)? The deductions he claimed? CD107 indicates he may have claimed only his wife and child for payroll purposes. My reason for raising questions is not alone the obvious avoidances. If he had claimed all three exemptions to which he was entitled, and had had an income of about $200 a month for 9through 12/62, his tax on that might, from rough calculations, have been in the order of the refund. I can't figure why the returns were classified, withheld and refused me when I asked for them. I have sent you my memos to JG on this. I think it might be worth checking the rest of this.

CD149:13-15 The list shows these pages, but what I now have is only 15

CD188:2-4 (2 missing now) Is this the first Connally interview? It quotes him directly on the single-bullet theory. I wonder if JBC would have postulated that one bullet did all of this is he had seen a picture of 399?

CD205:283-5 This appears to be the one new thing Popkin found, so I presume it is printed

this or similar form. January is a really honest man to reject $400,000, as was somebody unidentified to tell him that he wanted to smuggle gold into Mexico. Interest that this, the kind of thing in which criminal elements may well have been interested, is bracketted with Ruby. The alleged July inquiries about flight to Mexico could not have been by LHO.

CD358:1-7, I have previously written about this and will want to study it carefully when my eyes feel up to it or to get someone to write it what I can't make out.

CD363:34 I'd like as clear a copy of this as might be found for AO. Any ideas of any other files? Any other pages? Davison did examine Marina, as we knew.

CD363:99 Fain was on the LHO case from defection. What is the earliest record we have, printed or other?

CD427:1-3 When my new supply of 3M paper arrives, I'll try this with over-exposure. That sometimes blackens. Because PH's copy is better, can he doe this? The easiest way is one of two: set for "darker" on adjustment of this machine, or run through normally and then, after remoging pink sheet, run white through again. Or, I'll try and get godd eyes to transcribe.

CD924:2-4. JG, as I recall, had some of his more sinister suspicions about Ford.

CD924:9 I guess all the porr sick says they are not.

CD948:1 (I note 1513 in upper right-hand corner.) This makes even more significant, I think, the immediate search at 1026, the exact source of which I think was never learned.

CD1051:1-4 Why avoidance of the name of the agent for whom Marguerite asked? If anyone has the "Carr tells of White House Conference that Set Up Inquiry" story, I'd like. Dalas Morning News 1/15/64. I've not had time to check my Texas file for such. She had a good point on CE202, only I think it was four copies, orig plus 3. But there seems to be no special reason for anyone to want to lose any of the 3 parts, note, check or envelope. Interesting that she says LHO did furnish information to Fain. Again, avoidance of the name of the agent who had contacted her.

CD1052:1-3 A rather modest way of saying the FBi made a mistake

CD1065:4-5. Perhaps from an earlier hasty readin of these pages, but I think from perhaps the report of the original interview I can't locate I seem to recall this from something recent. In any event, it would seem quite unlikely that in such an outfit as that radar installation, one of the operators getting Russian literature hrough the mail would not be remembered as something quite out of the ordinary.

CD1075, two routing slips-not here

CD1092 1st 4 pp. This part of the Crafard investion would interest GRS.

I have to stop now. I will send what I have not kept to JNS on my first trip to the post office and will send both PH and JNS a listing of what I kept, what I forwarded, and what I can't now find and do not recall whether I ever had.